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TAGS: RH, UK, CACS

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: STATUS OF AMERICANS

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2. AS YOU HAVE MORE RHODESIAN EXPERIENCE THAN ANY OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIAL AND AS WE VALUE YOUR ANALYSIS, WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR INFORMAL ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY SCENARIOS CONCERNING AMCITS IN RHODESIA. IN PARTICULAR, WHAT IS YOUR  
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